GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INSURGENCY IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mizoram border is the safe heaven for gun runners and foreign ultras;

(b) if so, the names of other borders used by militants for such activities;

(c) the number of foreign insurgents and gun runners apprehended during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such activities across the border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) There are reports that the tri-junction area bordering southern Mizoram with Myanmar and Bangladesh is used by militant groups for infiltration of arms.

(b) The borders of Assam, Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland are also known to be used for such activities.

(c) Informations is being collected.

(d) Our security concerns, including illegal migration, cross-border movements and cross-border crimes, have been taken up with the neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan and Myanmar, at appropriate levels.

A series of other measures have been taken by the government to curb the problem of infiltration and cross border terrorism. These include, interalia, construction of border roads, border fencing, raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between Border Outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc.